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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. IN RESPONSE TO INTERPELLATIONS,
FONMIN HATOYAMA TOLD DIET MAR 26TH
THAT PHRASE "WESTERN PACIFIC" AS USED IN
JOINT COMMUNIQUE MEANT "THE AREA OF THE
PACIFIC WEST OF HAWAII WHERE U.S. FORCES ARE
DEPLOYED, INCLUDING OCEAN AREAS." ANSWER
CAME IN RESPONSE TO OPPOSITION QUESTIONS WHICH
FONOFF SECURITY DIVISION CHIEF SATO SAID APPEARED
TO BE FEEBLE ATTEMPT TO SHOW THAT
COMMUNIQUE CARELESSLY PREPARED. SATO SAID
FURTHER QUESTIONS ON POINT EXPECTED AND EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING RESPONSE.

2. SATO BELIEVED THAT OPPOSITION MAY ALSO PROBE
GOVERNMENT ON MEANING OF PHRASE "BALANCED AND
FLEXIBLE MILITARY PRESENCE." HE ASSUMED THAT
"FLEXIBLE" REFERRED TO CAPABILITY FOR RESPONDING
TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES BUT WONDERED ABOUT
"BALANCED." FROM GOJ POINT OF VIEW, IT WOULD BE
EASIER IF THIS REFERRED TO BALANCE BETWEEN
FORCES AND POSSIBLE CONTINGENCIES RATHER THAN TO
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BALANCE AMONG LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES. HE EXPLAINED THAT
SOME MIGHT INFER FROM LATTER PHRASE THAT TO
MAINTAIN SUCH BALANCE AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF GROUND
FORCES FROM KOREA, GROUND FORCES WOULD HAVE TO
BE INCREASED ELSEWHERE IN WESTERN PACIFIC,
E.G., JAPAN. EMBOFF EXPRESSED OPINION THAT
"BALANCED AND FLEXIBLE" SHOULD BE READ AS SINGLE PHRASE

DESCRIBING POSTURE CAPABLE OF MEETING U.S. REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING
COMMITMENTS, IN CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES. IT IS NOT
STATIC AND INCLUDES BALANCE BOTH WITHIN FORCES AND
BETWEEN THOSE FORCES AND POSSIBLE REQUIREMENTS.
REQUEST CONFIRMATION OR OTHER GUIDANCE.
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